

3. A combination as set forth in claim 2, wherein said surface further comprises at least an additional aperture at either end of said gemstones.

4. A combination as set forth in claim 3, wherein said connecting member comprises a tack with a head and a central pin depending therefrom.

5. A combination as set forth in claim 3 wherein said connecting member comprises a bar which straddles the gemstone.

6. A combination as set forth in claim 3 wherein said connecting member comprises a bar which straddles the gemstone.

7. A combination as set forth in claim 5 wherein said connecting member comprises a pair of bars so as to have each respective bar bear upon a respective gemstone set next to each other.

8. A combination as set forth in claim 2 wherein said connecting member comprises a bar which straddles the gemstone.

9. A combination as set forth in claim 2 wherein said connecting member comprises a pair of bars so as to have each respective bar bear upon a respective gemstone set next to each other.

10. A combination as set forth in claim 2 wherein said gemstones are connected to form a row of gemstones.

11. A combination as set forth in claim 2, wherein said sleeve is separate from said connecting member and is slid on said connecting member beneath said surface.

12. A combination as set forth in claim 1, wherein said item of jewelry is a pendant.

13. A combination as set forth in claim 12 wherein said connecting member comprises a bar which straddles the gemstone.

14. A combination as set forth in claim 12 wherein said connecting member comprises a pair of bars so as to have each respective bar bear upon a respective gemstone set next to each other.

15. A combination as set forth in claim 12 wherein said gemstones are connected to form a row of gemstones.

16. A combination as set forth in claim 12, wherein said sleeve is separate from said connecting member and is slid on said connecting member beneath said surface.

17. A combination as set forth in claim 1, wherein said surface further comprises at least an additional aperture at either end of said gemstones.

18. A combination as set forth in claim 17, wherein said connecting member comprises a tack with a head and a central pin depending therefrom.

19. A combination as set forth in claim 17 wherein said connecting member comprises a bar which straddles the gemstone.

20. A combination as set forth in claim 17 wherein said connecting member comprises a pair of bars so as to have each respective bar bear upon a respective gemstone set next to each other.

21. A combination as set forth in claim 1 wherein said connecting member comprises a pair of bars so as to have each respective bar bear upon a respective gemstone set next to each other.

22. A combination as set forth in claim 1 wherein said gemstones are connected to form a row of gemstones.

23. A combination as set forth in claim 1 wherein said connecting member comprises a bar and said pin comprises a pair of pins, wherein said at least an additional aperture

comprises two apertures through which said pair of pins in said connecting member pass to secure said gemstone to said item of jewelry.

24. A combination as set forth in claim 1, wherein said sleeve is separate from said connecting member and is slid on said connecting member beneath said surface.

25. A combination as set forth in claim 1, wherein said sleeve is integrally formed from the undersurface of said surface of said item of jewelry.

26. A combination as set forth in claim 1, wherein said gemstone comprises an oval gemstone, said aperture com-

prises an oval shape, and said item of jewelry comprises a jewelry ring, wherein said apparatus connects a row of said oval gemstones onto the surface of said ring.

27. A combination as set forth in claim 1, wherein said stones comprise marquis stones, said item of jewelry comprises a jewelry ring, and said connecting members bear on the ends of said marquis stones to hold said stones in place on said jewelry ring.

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said jewelry item;

said connecting member being pushed
downwardly on said gemstone to hold
said gemstone in place, said sleeve being
cold soldered to said pin to secure said
connecting member in place.

--29. A combination as set forth in claim
28, wherein said item of jewelry is a
pendant.

--30. A combination as set forth in claim
29, wherein said connecting member
comprises a bar which straddles the
gemstone.

--31. A combination as set forth in claim
28, wherein said item of jewelry is a ring.

--32. A combination as set forth in claim
31, wherein said connecting member
comprises a bar which straddles the
gemstone.

✓-33. A combination of a gemstone , an
item of jewelry and a connecting member
to secure said gemstone to said item of
jewelry, said combination comprising:

said item of jewelry having a
surface against which said gemstone is
secured;

said gemstone having at least one
end, an upper surface, a lower surface,
and a girdle in-between, said surface of
said item of jewelry comprising an
aperture having an opening similarly
shaped and slightly smaller than the
girdle of said gemstone so that said lower
surface of said gemstone projects through
said aperture;

said surface of said item of
jewelry further comprising at least one
additional aperture located adjacent said
end of said gemstone;

said connecting member
comprising a pin extending downwardly
through said additional aperture;

said connecting member being
pushed downwardly on said gemstone to
hold said gemstone in place, said pin
being cold soldered to said item of
jewelry to secure said connecting member
in place.